

and round. His conceptions, too, are bold and strong, his doctrine copious, polished and commanding¹ as his subject. His writings are certainly the finest samples in the English language of the eloquence proper for the Senate. His political tracts are safe reading for the most timid religionist, his philosophical, for those who' are not afraid to trust their reason with discussions of right and wrong. (To Francis Eppes, 1881. C. VII., 198.)

PAPER MONEY.—I wish it were possible to obtain a single amendment to> our Constitution. I would be willing to depend on that alone for the reduction of the administration of our government to the genuine principles of its Constitution; I mean an additional article taking from the Federal Government the power of borrowing. I now deny their power of making paper money or anything else a legal tender. I know that to p-ay all proper expenses within the year would in case of war be hard upon us. But not so hard as ten wars instead of one. (To John Taylor, 1798. F. VII., 310.)

PARDONS.—I have made it a rule to grant no pardon in any criminal case, but on the recommendation of the judges who sat on trial, and the district attorney, or two of them. I believe it a sound rule, and not to be departed from but in extraordinary cases. (To Albert Gallatin, 1806. F. VIII., 465.)

PARLIAMENT.—We conceive that the British Parliament has no right to¹ intermeddle with our provisions for the support of civil government or administration of justice. The provisions we have made are such as please ourselves; they answer the substantial purposes o<f government and justice, and other purposes than these should not be answered. While Parliament pursue their plan of civil government within their own jurisdiction, we hope also to> pursue ours without molestation. (From a report on Lord North's "Conciliatory Propositions," 1775. F. L, 480.)

PAROLE.—With respect to the parole men my sentiments are these: that I unwarily entered into an engagement of which the laws of my country would not permit me to fulfill I should certainly deliver myself to the enemy to cancel that engagement